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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: Akihiko YOSHIDA, et al. Art Unit: 1745
Appln No.: 10/730,256 Exr.: M. Wills
Filed: December 9, 2003 Conf. No.: 3347
For: ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE ASSEMBLY FOR FUEL
CELL AND OPERATION METHOD OF FUEL CELL USING THE
SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of June 15, 2007,
Applicants hereby elect Group III, claims 25-36, drawn to a gas
diffusion layer, classified in class 429, subclass 36, with
traverse.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction
Requirement. No unduly extensive or burdensome search would be
required to examine the various claims of the noted Groups in the
same application. MPEP §803 states:

"If the search and examination of
all the claims in an application
can be made without serious burden,
the Examiner *must* examine them on
the merits, even though they
include claims to distinct or
independent inventions." (Emphasis
added)